

Project AEPOLE

( consolidated into Project AEFREEMAN )

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## PROJECT APPROVAL NOTIFICATION

PROJECT

**AEPOLZ** CA FI/CI

- PROPRIETARY  
 SUBSIDY  
 DIRECT

## ACTION

## AREA

	NEW PROJECT	DIVISION	
	AMENDMENT	BRANCH	<b>SR</b>
<b>XX</b>	RENEWAL <b>(FY 1962)</b>	DESK	<b>2</b>
	TERMINATION	CASE OFFICER	EXTENSION
	EXTENSION		
	OTHER		<b>3582</b>

## AUTHORIZATION

APPROVING AUTHORITY	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED	FY	AMOUNT
<b>DDP/PG</b> <b>16 October 1961</b>		<b>1962</b>	
PERIOD OF APPROVAL		196	
FROM <b>1 July 1961</b> TO <b>30 June 1962</b>	FINANCIAL CODE SYMBOL		<b>2134-4008-8029</b>

## CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Renewal of Project AEPOLZ approved in the amount of

**C-7 or FY 1962.**

SIGNATURE	<b>C-7</b>				DATE							
DDP/PG					<b>19 OCT 1961</b>							
<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>												
<b>007 7247</b>	1	FINANCE DIVISION	1	SSA-DD/S	1	BUDGET DIVISION	1	OPERATING DIVISION CHIEF OF SUPPORT	1	CASE OFFICER	2	DDP/PG

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PROJECT ACTION				PROJECT CRYPTONYM <b>AEPOLE</b>		
	TYPE OF ACTION		FI/CI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CA		
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION <b>SR</b>				
	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL FY 1962	BRANCH <b>SR/2</b>	DESK <b>Lithuania</b>			
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. <b>2613</b>	BUILDING <b>J</b>	EXTENSION <b>3582</b>		
CONCURRENCES OF DIVISION						
ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (And signature)			DATE	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED	
	<u>CSR/2/Baltic</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIGNED			4 Aug	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	<u>CSR/2</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIGNED			9 Aug 61	<input type="checkbox"/> DATE	
	<u>SR/BF</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIGNED			8 Aug 61		
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	<u>DC/SR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIGNED					
	<u>C/SR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIGNED			2 Oct 61		
CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS						
<u>SA/CCA</u>						
	<u>DDP/PG/CA</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> SIGNED					
APPROVAL						
	PERIOD		TOTAL AMOUNT	FY	AMOUNT	
	FROM	TO	\$ <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	196	\$ <input type="checkbox"/>	
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21 September 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DDP/PG

SUBJECT : Renewal of Projects AEPOLE, AEFLAG and AEBASIN

1. Projects AEPOLE, AEFLAG and AEBASIN, which cover unified CA activities directed into Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, are submitted herewith for renewal for the period 1 July 1961 to 30 June 1962.

2. A strong interrelationship exists among the three projects in their specific objectives, their scope and the specific nature of the activity conducted under them. In effect, they comprise a single Baltic CA program of increasing significance; they are, however, submitted as separate projects for ease of handling from the administrative point of view.

3. Since early 1960, when legal travel from the free world to the Baltic States became possible, there has been an increase in the attention paid the unique position of these countries by the free world press. The public observance in 1960 of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Baltic takeover by the USSR also helped to attract the attention and sympathy of the free world toward the Baltic cause. More recently, the United Nations has been the scene of speeches by free world leaders in which the Baltic States were singled out as the prime examples of Soviet colonialism. The USSR seems to have displayed an unusual sensitivity to this charge. In addition, SR/2 continues to receive reports, mainly from legal travelers and recent immigrants from the Baltic States, which point up the deep-rooted anti-Soviet, anti-Communist and even openly pro-American attitudes of Soviet Balts.

4. An additional series of constant factors serves to illustrate that the question of the Baltic States is among those propaganda issues on which the USSR is particularly vulnerable, and suggests the feasibility of additional KUBARK propaganda exploitation of the Baltic question:

- a. The continuing non-recognition by the U.S. and other Western countries of the Soviet incorporation of the three states into the USSR.

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- b. Strong Baltic feelings of identification with and admiration for Western cultural institutions, coupled with an aversion toward enforced Russification of their homelands.
- c. The nature of the Baltic emigration in the free world. Numerically large and maintaining close contacts with the respective homelands, the free world Balts maintain a free Baltic culture. Their press is effective, and they continue to maintain their identities as distinct communities. Moreover, many of the senior emigre organizations and leaders, with whom SR/2 undertakes large portions of its CA program, have come to realize, largely through SR/2 efforts, the advantages of a united Baltic approach to a common problem, and are abandoning individual national attempts to make the Baltic cause felt. The creation and maintenance of a united Baltic approach to propaganda activities is a continuing objective of projects AEPOLE, AEFLAG and AEBASIN. Some of the benefits of this cooperation are already being realized. The united approach is also being applied to the Baltic radio broadcasts which SR/2 supports in Madrid and Rome.
- d. The prospects for legal travel from the free world to the Baltic area have continued to improve. Just as important, the Soviet Government is permitting more and more Balts to travel to the West, where they can be more easily contacted. These conditions are expected to continue unless there is a worsening of relations as a result of the Berlin crisis.
- e. Recent reports from the Baltic area that certain staple foods are being hoarded, that deportations of anti-Soviet elements in sizable numbers is feared, and that the military conscription program is being stepped-up, all indicate the propitiousness of the present moment, and probably the foreseeable future, for an increase in the propaganda effort directed toward the Baltic area.

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f. It is increasingly evident that unhindered Soviet propaganda over the years may produce an apathy, particularly among the younger generation of Balts, toward conditions of Baltic life under the Soviet system. This makes even more imperative an increased effort to let the captive Balts know that they have not been forgotten by the West or the free world Balts. They must be told how the free world regards their plight, and how the United States stands in regard to not only the Baltic question but on every other issue of international significance. Their desire for independence from the USSR, their feelings of nationalism and their pride in their rich heritage must be kept alive.

5. Recognizing, from a CA-propaganda viewpoint, the validity of the Baltic issue and the potential benefits possible from its exploitation, SR/2/Baltic's unified CA program, in the three attached projects, will exploit that issue as fully as possible under our present circumstances.

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Chief, SR Division

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PROJECT ARGOLE MEMORIAL

a. Current Objectives.

Project ARGOLE is directed against the Lithuanian SSR in the following activities: radio broadcasts, mailing operations, controlled correspondence operations, CA briefings for mounted and "piggy-back" insertion operations, ~~UNDOCTA~~ contact operations in the West, development of operations through Lithuanian emigre organizations, the acquisition, publication and distribution of propaganda literature for use in ~~UNDOCTA~~, mailing, and contact operations, exploitation of other media and phenomena such as demonstrations which have a propaganda potential, and the conduct of special operations and campaigns as required.

Through such activities, the following objectives are being pursued:

- (1) To preserve the national identity of the Lithuanian people, thereby helping them to resist assimilation into the Soviet society.
- (2) To maintain among the Lithuanian people an attitude of irreconcilability toward International Communism and the Soviet regime dominating Lithuania today.
- (3) To maintain and enhance the pro-Western and pro-American orientation of the Lithuanian people.
- (4) To encourage revisionist tendencies among Lithuanian communists.
- (5) To foster evolutionary changes by encouraging the Lithuanian people to seek continuous concessions from the Soviet regime in Lithuania.
- (6) To contribute by all possible means to the growth of intellectual ferment among the Lithuanian people.
- (7) To expose the nature of Soviet colonialism, through the Baltic example, to the "uncommitted" nations, particularly to influence the attitudes of Afro-Asian students in the West and delegations to international organizations from Afro-Asian nations, on the over-all question of Soviet imperialism.

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b. Changes.

Personnel: The contract with AFRODE/4, chairman of the Committee for a Free Lithuania, has been terminated, and he no longer receives regular salary payments. He has been retained, however, in a consultative status.

AFRODE/36, editor of a Lithuanian language newspaper, has been recruited as a consultant on Lithuanian affairs and a RUSSIA spotter. He is also expected to be instrumental in SE/3/Baltic efforts to effect a united Baltic approach in anti-Soviet propaganda programs. No monetary commitments are anticipated for AFRODE/36.

AFRODE/13, an executive of the American Lithuanian Council, was recruited as a consultant on Lithuanian affairs. No monetary commitments are anticipated.

AFRODE/34, an officer of the Lithuanian Student Association, was recruited as a support agent for AFRODE. He performs mainly as a coordinator for the young Lithuanians' propaganda efforts with their Estonian and Latvian counterparts, and is active in arranging joint meetings of Baltic students and Afro-Asian groups, for the purpose of publicizing the issue of Soviet colonialism in the Baltic States. No compensation, other than expenses, is paid him.

c. Intelligence Production.

The project has produced RUSSIA leads, as well as biographic and travel information to RUSSIA operations.

d. Effectiveness.

Significant operational events:

- (1) Radio broadcasts were continued from Radio Madrid with a 15-minute original broadcast and a 15-minute repeat each day. Radio Rome and Radio Vatican broadcasts continued with a 20-minute broadcast each day. Soviet jamming of the broadcasts, and Soviet censorship of letters to the radio enterprises from Lithuanian listeners makes difficult an objective assessment of the propaganda effectiveness of the program. [ ]  
briefing for his TDY included instructions for erecting a greater cooperation in propaganda among all three Baltic elements of Radio Madrid.

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- (2) AEPOLE/33 and AEPOLE/36 were briefed before participating in a general meeting in Washington of the Lithuanian emigration. The issue of Soviet colonialism was given special attention at the meeting. The same two assets, as well as AEPOLE/24 and AEPOLE/4 agreed to the participation of their organizations in a coordinated Baltic propaganda program.
- (3) The beginnings of a series of contacts between Lithuanian students and Afro-Asians studying in the U.S. were effected largely through the efforts of AEPOLE/24, who was also instrumental in having a lead editorial on Soviet colonialism published in a leading Lithuanian student magazine.
- (4) Two books of smuggled Lithuanian literature were published by Lithuanian organizations with the support of SR/2/Baltic.
- (5) AEPOLE/24 began publication of a Spanish-language ELTA (Lithuanian Telegraph Agency News) Bulletin, and approval was given in principle to start publishing a Portuguese-language ELTA.
- (6) Two MINSKIN travelers were provided with OA briefings before their departures for Lithuania.

e. Problems.

No problems in security, cover or control arose during the project period.

f. Liaison.

There is no liaison with other governments, intelligence services or security services.

g. Intergovernment Coordination.

There is no relationship with other U.S. Government agencies.

h. Plans.

- (1) SR/2/Baltic efforts to improve the quality of Radio Madrid's Lithuanian-language broadcasts in relation to CENTCOM propaganda objectives will continue, specifically through a greater degree of cooperation by Radio Madrid Lithuanian personnel with their Estonian and Latvian counterparts, and through a new series of specific propaganda directives prepared by [ ] under the direction of SR/2/Baltic.

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- (2) Utilization of the theme of Soviet colonialism in the Baltic States will continue as a prime activity under ANPOLE. The picture of the Soviet Union as a colonial power will be brought to the particular attention of African and Asian students in the U.S. through Lithuanian student groups and their leaders, in coordination with their Latvian and Estonian counterparts.
- (3) Efforts toward unifying Baltic emigre propaganda against the USSR will continue. With the participation of a Lithuanian element in the newly-formed board for Baltic propaganda, it is expected that a more effective propaganda program will be realized through a coordinated group effort.
- (4) SA support for ~~RESCUE~~ missions, in the form of SA and propaganda briefings for ~~RESCUE~~ travelers, will continue.

1. Costs.

For the next period:

For the ensuing period:   (estimated)

(1) Personnel

(a) 4 PH/PA - ~~AEROM/21, AEROM/22, ANPOLE/26, and~~  
~~ANPOLE/32~~ \$ 9,600.00

(b) Resettlement of ~~AEROM/25~~ 2,000.00

(2) Supplies, material and equipment

(a) Books and periodicals

(b) Printing of propaganda booklets, pamphlets, etc.

(3) Other operational expenses

(a) Purchase of services and information

(b) Area travel for field agents

(c) Field case officer travel

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- (d) Domestic travel for Headquarters case officers, contract agents and covert associates
- (e) Mailing operations
- (f) Special campaign on the Colonialism issue
- (g) Entertainment of covert associates
- (4) Payments made to ANPUB/1 for specific operations to include contacting legal travelers, special campaigns, demonstrations, political action by exilic leaders, press services, mailing operations, etc.
  - (a) Conduct of radio broadcasts over Radio Madrid, Radio Rome and Radio Vatican.
  - (b) Briefing and debriefing of legal travelers to and from Lithuania
  - (c) Publication of EMM Bulletin in Lithuanian, English, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese
  - (4) Publication through various outlets in the West, and distribution in the Lithuanian SSR, of books and pamphlets to include a collection of dissident literature which has been written in Soviet Lithuania and subsequently smuggled out to the West.
  - (e) Monitoring of Soviet Lithuanian radio broadcasts

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AUTHORIZING OFFICER